Establishment of Industrial Units

2594. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial units established especially in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) the capital investment made therein; and

(c) the number of direct and indirect employment generated by these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) As per the information filed through the 12125 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEMs) and Letters of Intent (LOIs)/Direct Industrial Licences (DILs) issued, investment of Rs. 680695 crore, with likely employment of 2280947 persons, was proposed in various States/Union Territories during the period 1-4-2004 to 31-3-2006. Out of these, 915 IEMs/LOIs/DILs were for the State of Andhra Pradesh with proposed investment of Rs. 35596 crore and proposed employment of 160474 persons.

Meagre allowance to Gallantry Awardees

2595. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Param Vir Chakra (PVC) winner gets a paltry sum of Rs. 1,500 per month, a recipient of the Ashok Chakra, the highest peacetime award for gallantry gets Rs. 1,400 per month while a Maha Vir Chakra (MVC) awardee gets only Rs. 1,200 per month;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government had revised these amounts last time in the year 1999;and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to respect our gallant sons and daughters?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Vir Chakra and Ashoka Chakra series of gallantry awards are conferred at the Investiture Ceremonies by the Hon'ble President. Besides eligible pay and allowances/pension, they get a monetary allowance